

## **Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting April 18th, 2019**

**Attendance:** Gary Olsvik, Steve Clayton, Jane Bezanson, Kirk Lycett, Anne Crossman, Caroline Perriman, Jennifer D'Aubin, Mike Taylor, Nancy Price.

**Jennifer** opened the meeting with welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming.

Steve motioned to approve last month's minutes, Kirk 2<sup>nd</sup> , M/C

### **Gary**

**Financial** – Year end statements – Gary passed out year end report and reviewed with everyone. Year end is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Funding from County will continue even that the 5 years is up.

**MoonLight Madness** has a committee set up to revamp what is being done. Gary Olsvik, Ruth Wright, Caroline Perriman and Jennifer D'Aubin.

Gary motioned to approve yearend report, Anne 2<sup>nd</sup> , M/C.

### **Ciderfest –**

Format for the year has been set. Still looking at Friday night and what they will be or not be doing.

Looking for new members

Float – do we want to do the float and do we want to change the design. After a brief discussion Gary motioned that we still do the float and see what changes could be made with minimal cost. Jane 2<sup>nd</sup> , M/C.

### **Nancy Price – Redevelopment & Revitalization Group**

- Found a grant available but has to be applied for by the County by April 30<sup>th</sup>. You have to spend \$25,000 and get \$25,000 from the grant. Nancy is working with county to get this done on time. Has gone to special council and should be hearing later today. Will require letters of support – Chamber, Kirk and Caroline.
- Deb Ryan has joined the team
- The results from survey. 44 participated. Got a sense of what people want. It includes the area from Dawn Oman's down Queen Street to trail.
- Projects for now are painting the benches, painting curbs, good street clean up, prune trees for safety and look. Paint front of Alice Bruce House and getting Salvation Army building have the bottom painted.

- Garden club is doing the planters.
- Trying to get a display for windows.
- Looking at getting O2 group to help and also look at the pay it forward day from the school.
- Town Hall- there is a discussion that they will be closing the building in 2 years. It is expensive to keep building running and paid for by the taxpayers of Bridgetown.
- Jennifer suggested we have a brainstorming meeting for suggestions on keeping the building.
- A suggestion was made to making a proposal to have this made a county seat.

**Action Group Follow Up Meeting-** May 5<sup>th</sup> – Jen and Gary to door to door invite.

**Blue Lagoon** – It has been over a year since this place burnt and nothing has been done. It is not only an eye sore as you come into the Town, it is also a safety issue. Jennifer motioned that we put in a complaint to the County to have it torn down, Anne 2<sup>nd</sup>, M/C.

**Membership Drive** – membership is down

Anne suggested we have an info package as to why it is important to have the Chamber for Business and Community. What is going on and what it offers for members.

- Anne will reach out to Amery Boyer to see what the key to their success of membership.
- Jennifer suggested a letter be drafted to send out to potential members.
- Will keep on agenda for next meeting.

**Steve Clayton**

- Pool is looking good
- 12 weeks of work for qualified student
- Angie looking at doing Chase the Ace for fundraiser for Lawrencetown, Bridgetown and Annapolis pools.

**Anne**

The Wind Turbine Society has \$9,000 this year to give out to non profit organizations. Decision is based on the value of the project and importance to the Community. Criteria is very loose. Grant applications are at The County of Annapolis Office and Annapolis Town Hall. Anne will send Nancy Price a copy of the application.

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting May 17th, 2019 8:00 am at Temple on Queen**